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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

INFORMAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1992 AT 6:30 P.M. IN AD-131, LOYOLA CAMPUS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Jarno Makkonen, called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS

Eleanor Brown
Charlene Nero

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Jennifer Dang-Tran
Michael Spowart
Phil Toone

COMMERCE

Nick Kaminaris
Kerry Schacter
Marc Tisseur

ABSENT

Arts and Science: Sophie Desjardins (w/r), Hernani Farias, Kathy Fretz, Christine Legault, Heidi Modro (w/r),
Victoria Rodriguez, Jamie Ross (w/r), Etoile Stewart
Commerce: Robin Chabot, Thomas Dowd, Jimmy Elenakis, Jennifer Kalman
Engineering: Frank Pathyil, Dave Dichmannn
Fine Arts: Kellie Coppin

We dnesday, January 8, 6:30 P.M.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the 130th Meeting of the Board of Directors Be Approved.

Moved by: N. Kaminaris

Seconded by: P. Toone

Amendments:

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: C. Nero

Seconded by: J. D. Tran

C. Nero suggested deleting item 4.0, 7.0 and 8.0. There were no objections to this amendment.

N. Kaminaris asked to know if a meeting will be held next week to deal with the deleted agenda items. C. Nero proposed reaching a decision at the end of this meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION

UNANIMOUS

5. PRESSING BUSINESS

5.1 Ratification of Judicial Board Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Francesca Lo Dico, Danny Volpo, Glenn Holman, Connie Morales and Hayley Halsall be appointed on Judicial Board for the 1991-92 term.

Moved by: C. Nero

Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

C. Nero said that a Judicial Board is needed in order to conduct the upcoming elections.

N. Kaminaris asked to know if this motion is binding considering that there is no quorum at this meeting. The Chair suggested introducing a blanket motion at the next meeting and explained that the essence of the motion is to ratify the candidates in principle.

N. Kaminaris asked to know if adequate advertisement and interviews took place. C. Nero replied that sufficient advertising took place and that E. Brown supervised the interviewing process with the aid of E. Vise and P. Toone. E. Brown added that some people applied after the deadline.

N. Kaminaris asked to know when C. Morales' name was added in to the appointments. C. Nero replied that C. Morales applied afterwards and was granted a position on Judicial Board, considering that it was brought to the Co-Presidents' attention that one of the original members, F. Do Lico, might resign but that she hasn't received anything in writing. She also said that C. Morales was interviewed through the process of the Board.

VOTE ON MOTION

5/0/3

CARRIED

5.2 BY-ELECTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA hold by-elections for all unfilled seats of the Board of Directors on _____.

Moved by: C. Nero

Seconded by: M. Tisseur

C. Nero said that at this point the only feasible thing to do would be to hold by-elections and general elections simultaneously but that the setback would be that it would be too complicated a process.

M. Tisseur asked to know how many meetings are left with this administration. The Chair replied that there are three meetings left.

C. Nero said that with setbacks of hiring a CRO, advertising of the elections, the nomination and the campaigning period, the earliest possible dates to hold the General Elections would be February 18, 19 and 20.

M. Spowart asked to know if Constitutional changes can be added on to the General elections. C. Nero replied that if the Board can formulate Constitutional changes before February 5th they could be included in the General Elections for referendum questions.

N. Kaminaris said that constitutional amendments can still be made since it requires only 2/3 of all sitting directors of the Board. C. Nero replied that it is impossible to amend the Constitution and then present the amended constitution for ratification but that it is possible to place any issue to a referendum vote with a simple majority vote of the Board.

MOVE TO WITHDRAW THE MOTION

Moved by: C. Nero

VOTE ON MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE MOTION

UNANIMOUS

5.3 General Elections

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA hold its General Elections on _____ 1992.

Moved by: N. Kaminaris

Seconded by: P. Toone

N. Kaminaris suggested that the elections be held on February 18, 19, 20 with a two week nomination period beforehand. P. Toone said that the finer details should be drawn up by Judicial Board and the CRO.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved by: C. Nero

C. Nero suggested amending the motion to include the date of the opening of nominations, preferably two weeks, from January 22nd and closing on February 5th.

M. Spowart proposed having the nomination period from January 22nd-31st. P. Toone said that a longer nomination period is preferable in order to initiate more participation and publicity.

MOTION TO AMEND

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA hold its general elections on February 18, 19, 20 1992 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CRO receive nominations from Wednesday January 22nd to Friday January 31st, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Campaign Period commence immediately following until midnight February 16, 1992.

Moved by: M. Spowart

Seconded by: P. Toone

M. Spowart said that the CRO should have some sort of depository mechanism whereby nomination forms can be picked up and receipts provided upon the submission of these forms.

C. Nero suggested that the nomination period be extended from Wednesday, January 22nd-Wednesday, February 5th.

M. Spowart said that more emphasis should be put on the Campaign Period. C. Nero replied that the Campaign Period is an intense process and that with an unduly long Campaign Period there is the risk that students will lose interest in the elections. She also said that the CRO could use the extra time to publicize the elections well.

After a lengthy discussion, three scenarios were presented of possible election dates. A straw vote was taken and

scenario C whose nomination period begins on January 22nd-January 31st followed by campaigning from January 31st-February 17th with the elections taking place on February 18, 19 and 20th.

Amended Motion:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Campaign Period commence immediately following until midnight February 17, 1992.

(Time: 7:45 p.m.)

N. Kaminaris suggested setting times to these dates as well. C. Nero replied that a CRO has not yet been hired and that it is this individual's job to set time-frames and prepare the elections.

Amended Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA hold its General Elections on February 18, 19, 20 1992 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CRO receive nominations from Wednesday January 22nd at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Friday January 31st, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Campaign Period commence immediately following until midnight February 17, 1992.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: M. Spowart

Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

3/4/1

FAILED

P. Toone suggested extending the nomination period to have it begin on Monday, January 20th. M. Spowart replied that according to C. Nero, 10 days are required to recruit a CRO. P. Toone replied that the day the CRO is hired would be the same day that the nomination period would begin, that being, Monday, January 20th. There were no objections to this amendment.

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VOTE ON MOTION

5/1/2

CARRIED

(Time: 8:00 p.m.)

6. REPORTS

6.1 Executive Report

C. Nero said that the main issue that has taken place is the fire at the Centennial building and that the damages are presently being looked into.

D. Porter said that the critical issue that CUSA is presently being faced with is the shortage of service contract fees from CASA and ECA, which presently stand at \$40,000 and as of May will be \$80,000. He also said that there is an overdraft of \$9,500 at the Bank. Darren further added that he sent a letter to T. Dowd informing him of the service contract. He also said that he had agreed with N. Kaminaris over the summer that CUSA would be receiving \$33,000 from CASA.

D. Porter said that expenses are pretty much on target.

M. Tisseur asked to know if the Hive is breaking even. D. Porter replied that it is making profit.

N. Kaminaris said that he called on four different occasions the Comptroller for CUSA statements and that he was told they weren't ready. He also asked if they are ready at this time, and if they will be presented to the Board for approval and whether the audited statements that he received will be presented to the Board. C. Nero replied that CUSA hasn't received the audited statements from the auditors, Arthur Anderson and Sons at this time, other than the draft copy. She also said that the draft copy is sufficient information for CASA to forward their dues to CUSA.

D. Porter said that it is not a simple process to do up-dating when a new Comptroller is faced with having to work with no official procedures being developed. N. Kaminaris pointed out there is a motion passed by this Board that stipulates that it is D. Porter's responsibility to come back to this Board and amend the budget.

N. Kaminaris questioned why this Board has not received CUSAcorp Board minutes and whether this Board had any role in hiring the Operations Managers of CUSAcorp. He also asked what the CUSAcorp Board has been focusing its energies on. D. Porter replied that the CUSA Personnel Committee and the CUSAcorp Board hired the managers. He also said that the next CUSAcorp meeting is scheduled for January 27, 1992.

N. Kaminaris questioned why the CUSAcorp Board hired a second Operations Manager. C. Nero replied that cost has been cut in half and that since M. Richards did not have sufficient experience at the time of R. Gabrielli's dismissal, it was to the company's benefit to hire a second manager.

N. Kaminaris asked to know whether the anticipated move to the second floor of the Hall Building will take place or not. D. Porter replied that he received a call from D. Counihan who is planning to schedule a meeting to discuss this issue. C. Nero added that she heard two rumors that Marriot wishes to have exclusive rights to food services on campus and that they are lobbying someone. She also said that officially a move will take place and has to be finalized with the Campus Centre Inc. C. Nero further added that the renovations are not scheduled to begin until two months after the opening of the new library, which is scheduled to open next September. She also said that the renovations are expected to take a year to complete.

M. Spowart asked to know what is being done for the Concordian and CIRL so that they can resume their operations. D. Porter replied that he spoke with L. Grimes who met with security and was informed that the Centennial building will be closed for a month with extremely limited access. He also said that CUSA has to call its' insurance company to assess the damage of some of CIRL's equipment.

M. Spowart asked to know whether the executive is planning to establish more space for the Concordian. C. Nero replied that the Concordian's computers have not been affected. She also said that everything needs to be vacated and that efforts are being made to have access to some of the offices on the second floor which have not been affected with damages.

N. Kaminaris asked if space will be given to these clubs to operate out of. E. Brown replied that CUSA does not have space. C. Nero added that a possibility exists that extra phone lines could be added to the Campus Center to have groups work out of somewhere temporarily. She also said that an evaluation of the damage needs to be assessed by the insurance company beforehand. Charlene also added that attempts have been made to contact individuals from the Concordian to no avail and that she is assuming that if they need space they will come to CUSA for assistance.

M. Spowart asked to know if the lawyer has been providing summary monthly statements of the legal expenses. C. Nero replied that he said that he would be providing monthly statements but that he has only forwarded quarterly statements thus far. She also said that no breakdown was provided and that a request was made for one.

E. Brown said that her report is focused on the Board of Governors and that there is a sub-committee focusing on changes of the Search Committees. She also said that if anyone has any suggestions they should submit them to her by the following Monday at the latest.

E. Brown said that there is a Task Force that is looking into jobs for English-Speaking Quebecers. She also said that she is looking to get into an AUCC meeting on 13/01/92 which has a small Task Force relating to the Smith Report but that she was told not to attempt to do so.

E. Brown said that the GSA Student Association Fees went up and that the School of Graduate Studies was passed, with the idea that this school will have its' own budget.

E. Brown said that D. Parent is still not granted status to sit on the Search Committee for a new Dean and that the ASFC Student Caucus will be meeting on Sunday to decide what its next plan of action will be. She also asked the lawyer if anything could be done with regards to this issue and that according to him, very little could be done.

E. Brown said that the principles of Strategic Space Planning were passed at the Board of Governors' meeting but that no strategic scenario was passed. She also said that a ten year balance budget plan was sent to Quebec City, which implies that a scenario was picked without the Board of Governors knowing which one it was or anyone else in the University for that matter.

E. Brown said that further to the Strategic Space Plan, CCSL asked the Chair for speaking rights in order to present their report which must report directly to the Board of Governors. She also added that CCSL was denied speaking rights.

E. Brown said that according to the Director of Libraries, three jobs will be abolished once the move to the new library takes place. She also said that the three individuals will be offered similar jobs. Eleanor said that minor cosmetic changes in job descriptions will take place for thirteen people.

E. Brown said that if a graduating student wants a Baccalaureat, a request has to be made with Registrars Services by January 15, 1992.

10. ADJOURNMENT

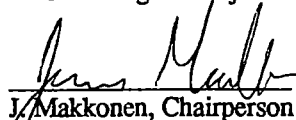
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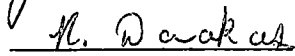
Moved by: M. Tisseur

Seconded by: M. Spowart

A request was made for a Special Meeting to take place next Wednesday, January 15, 1992.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


J. Makkonen, Chairperson


H. Danakas, Secretary

We ended the meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 P.M.